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Waste site may be more threatening than dump

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A little-known toxic waste site at the Sunshine State Industrial Park is likely to be a much more serious health hazard than the more notorious Munisport dump site, according to studies by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Anodyne site, at 1270 NW 165th St., is directly over the Biscayne Aquifer, the main source for drinking water for Dade County. In addition, two municipal well fields that serve 148,200 people are within three miles.

"The well fields aren't being impacted right now, but that potential exists," said Brad Jackson, the EPA's remedial project manager for the site. "In terms of risk, Anodyne is much worse than Munisport."

ANODYNE INQUIRY

EPA investigators would like to talk to anyone who worked at Anodyne, Inc., 1270 NW 165th St., during the 1960s and 1970s. Former employees will not be held liable for any of the company's actions, said investigator Herb Miller. Former employees can call Barbara Brown of the Metro Department of Environmental Resources at 856-3175 anytime.

EPA tests found concentrations of one chemical, dichloroethene, that were almost 15 times the federal standard, Jackson said. Another chemical, vinyl

chloride, existed at levels 150 times the state standard in one spot.

In the area of greatest contamination, tests showed a total of four toxic chemicals that exceeded health standards, Jackson said.

The problem also will be a difficult one to treat because of the porous soil. As soon as contaminated water is pumped out, clean water gushes in and also gets contaminated, Jackson said.

The EPA, which plans to release a final recommendation on the site in mid-August, probably will recommend a two-year, \$1.5 million plan that would pump contaminated groundwater from the most polluted areas while investigators try to get more information about the problem's

scope, Jackson said.

The site, which is on the EPA's Superfund list, operated as a manufacturing facility for lithography and silk screening during the 1960s and 1970s. EPA believes liquid wastes were dumped directly onto the ground and into an injection well.

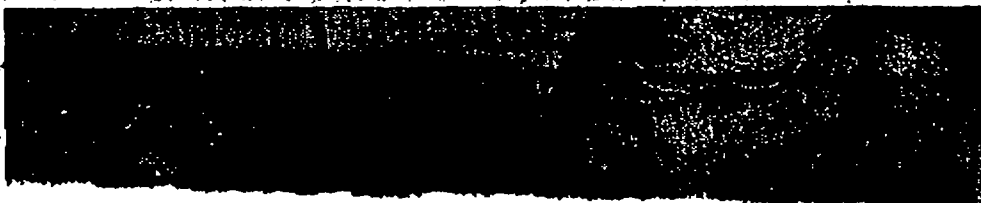
EPA also is trying to locate former Anodyne employees who could provide information about what chemicals were used and where they were dumped, said Herb Miller, an EPA civil investigator.

At least 80 people worked for the company at its peak, Miller said.

"The employees aren't in trouble because they were doing what they were told," Miller said. "But we need to talk with them because they'd be really helpful in telling us what to look for."

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